

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 08 November 2019 10:04
Subject: EIR-19-1331 - No Smoking Signs

Thank you for your information request of 4 October 2019 and please accept our apologies for delay in providing the response to you. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

I would like to enquire about the above subject of no smoking signs that have recently been stuck up within Thistle Court and across the city's high rise buildings.

The signs read "No Smoking or vaping Smoke Detectors in operation"

I have added an image of the sign with this email.

I have a number of questions relating to this as described below:

1. How much has been spent on the new signs?

£68,445 net of VAT

2. Who was contracted to install the new signs?

Spie Scotshield Ltd

3. What was the job that was contracted

The signage is part of the fire prevention campaign by raising awareness, that the fire prevention detectors are in operation to protect the residents to the building. The early warning system can save lives.

1. How many signs per building?

Varies as per building type, related to the number of floors within each building and the number of alarms.

2. How many signs per floor of each building?

Varies as per building type

3. Was there specific locations in the remit of installation?

Erect signs close to the sensors to alert building residents and visitors, Fire Prevention sensors in operation in the building.

4. Was there an event or policy change that prompted the new signage?

Following the Grenfell Tower Disaster, a ministerial group was set up by Scottish Government to review the fire prevention and fire safety measures in Multi Storey Buildings across Scotland. Aberdeen City Council in partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service took a proactive approach to look at Fire Prevention and Fire Safety in Aberdeen City multi blocks.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service also raised awareness of the number of false callouts to multis due to false sensor activations caused by a range of factors.

ACC and SFRS agreed to work in partnership to reduce the number of false fire callouts and improve the fire prevention and fire safety in all blocks where ever possible.

The erection of these signs was decided within this group.

5. Which committee if any signed off the installation?

None

6. How many builds have the signs been installed in?

37 Buildings (there is a programme to install in all buildings - 59)

7. How many more have to be installed?

22 Buildings

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), we considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which we have handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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